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1. During the last week of September 1949, USIA officials approached Dr. Martin Von Kink, Austrian businessman and President of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce, with an offer to lease the USIA-controlled branch of A. Porr A.G. for 200,000 schillings per month. Dr. Kink, who owns a major portion of Porr A.G. shares, refused to discuss USIA's proposal. Before 1938, he owned two-thirds of Porr A.G.'s stock and the remaining shares were held by two Jewish partners. In 1945, the Soviets seized all Porr A.G. installations in the Soviet Zone of Austria, although only one-third of this firm had actually been controlled by the German Government.

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